



General Assembly

Substitute Bill No. 334

January Session, 2007

* _____SB00334HS_APP032007_____*

AN ACT CONCERNING ACCREDITATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-61a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 [The] On or before January 15, 2008, the Commissioner of Children
4 and Families shall apply [, within a reasonable time,] for accreditation
5 of the Department of Children and Families by the Council on
6 Accreditation. The commissioner shall comply with all procedural and
7 administrative requirements of said council and after obtaining
8 accreditation shall apply for renewal when such renewal is due.

9 Sec. 2. (*Effective from passage*) (a) On or before January 1, 2008, the
10 General Assembly shall appoint a monitor to oversee the accreditation
11 process by the Department of Children and Families, pursuant to
12 section 1 of this act. Such monitor shall (1) advise the commissioner
13 throughout the accreditation process, (2) coordinate activities with
14 other state agencies to insure their effective participation, (3) act as a
15 liaison between the department and the General Assembly and report
16 to the General Assembly on the progress of the application in
17 accordance with subsection (b) of this section. The monitor shall,
18 within available appropriations, contract with a consulting group with
19 experience in applying for accreditation to assist the commissioner

20 with the accreditation process.

21 (b) Not later than February 1, 2008, and monthly thereafter, the
 22 monitor shall report to the joint standing committee of the General
 23 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and
 24 to the select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 25 matters relating to children on the progress of the accreditation
 26 application.

27 (c) The monitor's responsibilities shall terminate upon the agency
 28 receiving accreditation.

29 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) The sum of ____ dollars is
 30 appropriated to the Department of Children and Families, from the
 31 General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for funds to
 32 cover the cost of the accreditation application fee and other related
 33 costs to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this act.

34 (b) The sum of ____ dollars is appropriated to the Department of
 35 Children and Families, from the General Fund, for the fiscal year
 36 ending June 30, 2008, for the purpose of hiring a monitor and
 37 contracting the consulting group pursuant to subsection (a) of section 2
 38 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-61a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

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